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to it. For whatever their reasons are, but I don't think anybody now really objects. It's the only way in which you can give the people of this state a primary education in government. Every committee is open executive wise or every other way to the press. We can not say anything. We cannot vote on anything in which it is being reported to the people so they know what we do. This is the most God awful open thing than anybody has ever imagined. Now it didn't come easy. It started years ago before Senator Lewis ever thought of coming to this body. The first thing that broke the ice. We moved the lobbies from the where the Junior Chamber was sitting upstairs, and nobody loves lobbyists any better than I do, because they are helpful, they are desirable, and they create some degree of good government. But I only want to say to the J.C.'s and no other legislative body in the world are they or anybody in the similar position authorized to occupy any part of the floor. Now, this was a hard decision for me to even make the motion. But if you are going to have rules, the rules ought to be what the rules say unless this body by majority vote wants to change them. Now insofar as the Chamber is concerned they can see better in the balcony than they can see on the floor. We are not taking anything away from you that you don't now have. Except I want you to realize it's been a long hard row. In order to confine and we're not through yet, this body to it's membership and to it's employees, and those of the staff which are necessary for us to consult. And I would hope and I think we will, even the staff, will be confined to under the balcony if it is glassed in. So even they do not have access to this floor. This is the Legislative body. And everything stops and starts in this body insofar as this state is concerned. If we do not permit it, it won't happen.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Mahoney. For what purpose do you rise, Senator?

SENATOR MAHONEY: Mr. President, and members. The Sergeant at Arms reports to me that within the last two days, in the outer chamber where we have the speaker, that one day the speakers had been cut and now the speakers, the inside portions of them are completely missing. So we've had some pilfering and some of the Senator's offices. One of the Secretary's billfold was stolen, so it will be important that we do show some caution in some of these areas. Particularly in the rotunda out here.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Are there notices of Committee hearings or reports?

CLERK: Mr. President, a message from the Executive Office. (read) on page 383 and 384 in the Journal.

Attorney General's Opinions (read) page 384 Journal

Mr. Chairman your committee on Enrollment and Review Reports we have examined and reviewed LB 359 and recommend it be placed on Select File, 699 Select File as amended, 432A Select File as amended and 599 Select File. (Signed) John J. Cavanaugh, Chairman.

Mr. Chairman your Committee on Enrollment and Review reports we have examined and review LB 92, and find the same correctly Engrossed, 396 correctly Engrossed, 610 correctly Engrossed, 695 correctly Engrossed. (Signed) John Cavanaugh, Chairman.